

A GLANCE AT LIFE IN GREAT BRITAIN---HAPPENINGS IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND BRIEFLY CHRONICLED

A POOR MARQUIS

Marquis of Anglesey Pleads Poverty.

In a case at Wymondham (Norfolk) police court, it was stated that a man had been unable to obtain a house because he had a family of nine children.

The Albert medal was presented to Sir Andrew Noble by the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House "in recognition of his valuable researches into the nature and action of explosives."

An oval Urbino dish, with a raised centre representing the children of Israel gathering manna, fetched £600 at Christie's at a sale of old Italian wafajolice.

A serious epidemic of scarlet fever is raging in Manchester. There are 250 cases in the fever hospital, and many others at home, but the disease is being kept under control by the use of disinfectants, as the fever hospital is overcrowded.

The returns of courts-martial in the navy during 1902 show that altogether two hundred and nineteen offences against discipline and punishable by ordinary law were charged against seamen and royal marines afloat.

The Paddington board of guardians have received from the local government board a communication expressing disapproval of their action in supplying casuals with supper, bed, and breakfast, and a comfortable bath, without inflicting any task upon them.

The Marquis of Anglesey has written to the West Ham hospital committee, saying that owing to the increased taxation he is forced to reduce his subscription from five guineas to two and a half guineas. The receipt of the letter to this effect was announced at the meeting of the committee on Thursday.

Burglars who visited a house at Gatheshead during the family's absence, played cards, consumed two bottles of whiskey, had a good supper, and shifted all the drawing-room furniture into the kitchen, before decamping with jewelry valued at £25.

Mrs. Martin, a first cousin of Grace Darling, has died at Bamburgh, aged 84 years. She was born in the same house as the Longstone heroine, and owned furniture which had belonged to her famous ancestor.

The working of a new astronomical compass, by which local time can be found without any elaborate calculations, was explained at the monthly meeting of the British Astronomical Association at St. James's, Victoria Embankment. It is intended for the use of explorers in unknown countries.

The building committee for the new Central Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Tottenham Court road, have sealed a contract amounting to \$450,000, with Messrs. John Greenwood, Limited, to complete the building in 22 months.

Damage to the extent of \$3,500 was done at Nottingham by a lace hand named Scary, who ran amuck through Derby road, one of the chief business thoroughfares, armed with a heavy barbed wire instrument, with which he broke fifty large plate glass windows. He was removed to the city asylum.

SAVED BY HEIFER

Farmer's Marvellous Escape From Terrible Fate.

The Women's Aerial League have formulated a plan for collecting funds with which to build an all-British airship by British mechanics, of British material, in order that this nascent industry may be established in this country.

Joe Ingram, who styles himself the "ex-champion walker of the world," visited Langholm recently in the course of a 6,000-mile walk which finishes in London in December. He is now 62 years old and claims to be the veteran champion walker. He is covering 35 miles per day.

During the return of an excursion train from Littlehampton to Victoria the other night, the carriage door suddenly flew open and two boys, Arthur Wood, 14, and Frank Holmquist, 12, fell out. Both sustained fractured skulls, and were removed to Hordsham Hospital. Wood died later, and Holmquist remained unconscious.

The late Mr. Ellis Abraham Franklin, of Portchester Terrace, Hyde Park, London, and of the banking firm of Samuel Montagu & Co., left an estate of the value of over half a million pounds. He bequeathed £22,000 for charitable purposes.

A farmer named Jacob Pugh, while passing through a field in the Wirral district, was attacked by a cow, which tossed him some distance. The man was in great danger of being gored when a young heifer ran up and charged the cow. Then ensued a spirited battle, and a second heifer joined the first in attacking the cow, thus enabling Pugh to crawl into a ditch, where he was found suffering from severe cuts and bruises.

Official statements show that the strength of the British territorial forces on July 1, 1903, was 9,505 officers and 250,576 non-commissioned officers and men, as compared with an establishment of 11,287 and 302,047 respectively.

A parliamentary return shows that the total area of the counties of Scotland, including burghs and police burghs, was in 1903, 13,063,739 acres, the population (census 1901) 4,472,103, and the valuation in 1903-09, £22,735,949.

The name of Frederick Devlin, of Caswell, aged eleven, is to be inscribed upon the roll of honor of the borough for saving a child from drowning.

Work is so scarce at Rochdale that the officer of the unemployment register has not been able to find work for a single applicant during the last five months.

A man and his wife were found dead in bed near Yarmouth. The woman had been poisoned. The man

had bled to death from an opened vein in his wrist.

George Evans, publican, blamed the budget for his failure at London bankruptcy court. His house, through recent legislation, had depreciated, he said, to the extent of £3,650.

During the year the midwives' roll has increased by 1,547 names, the total on March 31, 1903, standing at 27,251. Of these, 5,934 have passed the central midwives' board's examination.

Mr. Ashworth, 74, a Crimean veteran, has just been married at Rochdale. He also took part in the Turkish war and the Indian mutiny, and served 25 years in the local volunteers.

A decorated village greeted the Swallow miners who went to prison rather than pay the amount which was claimed from them for having absented themselves from work at the Swallow colliery.

LORD VERNON FINED

Noble Scorchers Punished by Police Magistrate.

At Macclesfield, on Tuesday, Lord Vernon was fined \$100 and costs for driving his motor car at a dangerous speed. Police witnesses estimated the speed at 35 miles an hour, but defendant only admitted going 25 miles.

Terrified by her husband's threat to hang himself, a Bradford baker's wife ran out of the house, and on returning 20 minutes later she found him suspended by a rope from a hook in the ceiling.

As showing the extent to which the back-to-back system prevails in Leeds it is reported that of the 473 houses now in course of erection within the city boundaries 233 are of the back-to-back type.

Supposed to have fallen into the river while playing on the bank, a boy named William Burns, aged 7, of Orington street, Salford, was found drowned in the River Irwell at Peel Park on Tuesday.

As a train from Manchester was approaching Marple station, recently, the stoker, named Drinkwater, of Stratford, who was on the top of the engine, came in contact with a bridge and his skull was fractured.

Official returns show a decided fall in the local shipbuilding at Newcastle, there being less tonnage under construction than a year ago.

After operations extending over three months the quest for sunken treasure at Dollar Cave in Mun's Bay, Cornwall, has been abandoned.

BURNS' MANUSCRIPT

Original of Old Song Sells for \$550.

A Charles II. plain porringer, dated 1675, weighing 692 oz., was sold at Christie's at £14 per oz. A pair of Charles I. small candlesticks realized 170s. per oz., and an Irish potato ring, Dublin, 1780, 68s. per oz.

Mr. William White, jun., of Mount-sur-reel, Leicestershire, has sown a remarkable strawberry, 8½ inches in circumference and 1¾ inches long, and turned the scale at 2½ ounces.

Miss Mabel Ford, a young school teacher, of Millbrook, Cornwall, was discovered in the workshop at Exeter. She disappeared from home a fortnight ago, and the combined search of military, police, and boy scouts was fruitless. It was a case of loss of memory.

The royal visit to Manchester increased the taking of the tramway system by over £1,800. The takings that week were £17,395 as compared with £15,512 the previous week.

The Church Army have acquired a big brewery building at Marylebone, and are converting it into an institution and workshops for the social derelicts of the embankment and "star" offenders.

At the Oak Vale Mill, Acerrington, an elderly weaver named John Smith fell dead while working at his looms.

Speaking at Rochdale, Dr. Jefferson said that 62 per cent of the women of Lancashire worked for their living.

The original MS. in Burns' handwriting of the well-known song "Auld Waukin' O," was sold for £110 at Christie's. Miss Craig, for whom the MS. was written, went to Australia, taking the MS. with her, and it remained there until a few years ago.

QUEEN AND SHOWMAN

Death of Circus Man Whom Queen Victoria Honored.

At Bolton, a Middleton contractor has been fined £8 and costs for allowing a motor wagon to be overloaded. The King laid the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Royal School of Mines at South Kensington.

James Rathbone, a blacksmith at Sunderland, was found drowned in a bath containing rain water at his home.

From the top of the church tower the vicar of Selston, Nottinghamshire, preached on the occasion of the village feast.

At Manchester assizes Mark Shawcross was sentenced to death for the murder of Emily Robinson, who had posed as his wife.

An old lady charged at Sheffield drunkenness said she went through the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny with the British troops.

A black mince pie belonging to Police Constable Puddle, of Wellington, Salop, has for the past fortnight laid every egg at once.

Engraved on the walls of a bunch of keys found on an alleged burglar at Tottenham, were the words, "An open door would tempt a saint."

Sunderland Guardians have decided to give plagues to the workhouse inmates on July 24 and 27.

A large number of showmen attended the funeral at Towlaw, Durham, of Mr. Walter Scott, proprietor of Scott's Circus, one of the best-known travelling menageries now on

the road. Mr. Scott was honored at the age of 15 with a command to appear before Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.

A policeman who was on point duty at the corner of Waterloo road and Stamford street was run over by a van laden with sand and seriously injured.

Miss Sybil Rider Haggard, daughter of Mr. H. Rider Haggard, the novelist, was married at Ditchingham to Major R. E. Cheyne, of the Indian army.

The chairman of the baths committee at a meeting of the Bangor City Council attributed the decrease in the receipts for the corporation baths to the popularity of golf.

A child 13 months old wriggled from its bed, in which its mother had fastened it while she left the room, and fell into a bath and was drowned at Bath.

An impressive memorial service was conducted over the trench where the bodies of 35 men who lost their lives in the Newport disaster still lie buried.

Bingley Atha, a retired joiner, of Huddersfield, was fined £20 at Huddersfield for making a false declaration under the Old Age Pensions Act.

The King's Lynn Corporation has received 250 applications for the post of road foreman. Nearly 200 of the applicants are at present out of employment.

Two hundred Swansea painters came out on strike for more wages. The plumbers of the town also intend coming out, and the local plasterers have been idle for several weeks.

The funeral took place at Cressing of Mr. Jeffrey Grimwood Grimwood, the oldest justice of the peace for the County of Essex. He was 82 years of age.

CRIMSON DIAMOND

Old Family Jewel That Is Valued at \$15,000.

A fire which occurred at Sion Mill, Radcliffe, caused damage to the extent of £2,000. Two hundred people are known out of employment.

The coastguard at Gibraltar (Lines) observed a vessel flying signals of distress, and found that the ketch, Darnet, of Maldon, was ashore on the Walney bank. The lifeboat took the crew of four men and a dog and landed them at Skegness.

A diamond which has reached a London firm of Jewellers from Brazil, and is two and a quarter carats in weight and of brilliant lustre, has a rich crimson color between that of a ruby and a sapphire. It is an old family jewel, set in a split-shank ring, and is valued at \$15,000.

The money in prizes competed for at the jubilee meeting at Blisley this year amounts to £14,500. One of the special features of the meeting, the National Rifle Association, announces, is an annuity of £5 a year for life given by the British Women's Patriotic Society.

For the King's prize there are 1,175 entries, compared with 1,132 last year.

Prof. Bridges, D.Sc., F.R.S., Master of Zoology in the University of Birmingham, died on the 30th ult., in his 61st year. He was appointed Professor of Zoology in the Royal College of Science, Dublin, in 1879, and in the following year became one of the original professors at Mason College, Birmingham, holding the Chair of Biology.

BATTLESHIPS SOLD

Four Put Up at Auction at Portsmouth.

Of five Russian immigrants examined by the Alien Immigration Board a young cardboard-box maker and a tailor were rejected. The other three—a lad of 16 and two girls—were accepted, on their relatives undertaking to look after them.

A mailbag which was accidentally dropped overboard from the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain at the Liverpool landing-stage was seen floating on the tide the same night, and recovered, apparently none the worse for its immersion.

Mrs. Winston Churchill lately presented her husband, the president of the Board of Trade, with a daughter. They were married on Sept. 12 last year. Mrs. Churchill being the daughter of Colonel Sir H. M. Hoizer.

At Manchester County Court on Tuesday the judge, after reading a list of goods which the plaintiff said were for the personal use of the defendant, asked the latter: "Is it true that you bought a skirt which you gave away to your wife?"

Four old battleships were sold at Portsmouth by auction for an aggregate sum of £61,900. The second-class battleship Thunderer made £19,500, the first-class battleships Anson and Benbow £21,200 each, and the bulk Defiance £11,425. With the exception of the Benbow, which was sold to Mr. Ward, of Liverpool, the vessels were bought by London buyers.

Scout Arthur Turner, of the Walsley (Cheshire) Scouts, was presented at Wallasey Carnival with a specially struck medal given by Major-General Baden-Powell in recognition of his having rescued a child from the River Mersey.

Tennyson was born on Aug. 6th, 1809, at Somersby, in Mid-Lincolnshire, so this year is his centenary. In connection with the event there is a Tennyson Exhibition at the Fine Art Society's galleries in London. Portraits, paintings, water colors, manuscripts, and books connected with the poet laureate will attract his admirers—and their name is still legion.

The body of an unknown man, which was taken to the city mortuary on March 10th, and on which a post-mortem was made, was placed in Dr. Belchton's apparatus for the preservation of the dead, where it remained until April 29th, in a well preserved condition to await identification. This was a test case, and the London authorities are satisfied that the appar-

atus, which has been installed permanently, will prove successful.

Sir William Hartley, whose munificence has been followed by an offer of £10,000 to establish almshouses in Colne, his native town, supplies the rare case of a man who attained the ambition of childhood. Son of a locksmith and general mechanic, he has told how at the age of 13 he left school and helped his mother in a small grocery's shop. He then set his mind upon two things: to making the business and to become a local preacher—like his father and his grandfather.

In three years' time the little business had so prospered that he urged his parents to take larger premises. Then began the prosperous jam-making business.

While the Bishop of Sheffield was riding in Sheffield his horse shied at a passing tramcar. Plunging towards the car the horse dashed its head through one of the windows. The bishop's head was knocked against the car and severely cut. He was removed to a shop near by, where he received medical attention, and was then conveyed home.

Owing to the passing of the Mines (Eight Hours) Act, not thousands of ponies are, it is stated, being purchased for the coal mines in the north of England. The need for more ponies in the mines is due to the fact that it will be necessary under the altered conditions to do the pit mouth so as to get a larger quantity of coal from the pit to the surface in a given time.

At a dinner in Blakesley, Northamptonshire, there sat down two grandfathers, three fathers, three sons, two grandsons, and one great-grandson, all of the name of John Grantham. Four of the John Granthams represented four generations.

It was stated at an inquest at Blackpool on William Blegg, who died from heart failure in a train, that a fellow-traveler pulled the communication cord, but it was not connected with the driver was eventually notified by passengers knocking and shouting from one compartment to another.

In 1797 Nelson wrote to William Suckling, instructing him to ask the collector of customs to "take care of my things as they come, and to put my mangled carcass in." This letter was sold at Christie's for £8.

General Booth has just re-assumed possession of a book which he had lost over thirty years ago. It was found in the penny box shop in Liverpool by a Salvation Army officer, and it bore an inscription that it was presented to the general in 1873.

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